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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examining the above-identified national phase patent application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 9 and ending at page 14, line 24 with the following replacement paragraph:

As to the promoter region, ALK1p with PvuII at 5'-end and EcoRI at 3'-end can be prepared from SEQ ID NO:15 and NO:16 using SEQ ID NO:6 as a template. As to the terminator region, ALK1t with HindIII at 5'-end and EcoRV at 3'-end can be prepared from SEQ ID NO:17 and NO:18 using SEQ ID NO:7 as template. As to the vector, the vector pUTA1 (Fig. 2) prepared by modifying the marker gene from Ura3 to Ade1 using pUTU1 and Candida maltosa Ade1 gene (SEQ ID NO:21, GenBank D00855) [S. Kawai et al., Agric. Biol. Chem., Vol. 55, 59-65 (1991)]. By ligating ALK1p to the PvuII, EcoRI site of pUCNT (described in WO 94/03613) and ALK1t to the HindIII, SspI site of the pUCNT, pUAL1 (Fig 6) can be constructed. Then, by ligating ORF2 to the NdeI, PstI site of pUAL1, the plasmid pUAL-ORF2 (Fig. 7) can be constructed. Further, by ligating ORF3 to the NdeI, HindIII site of pUCNT-ALK1t in the